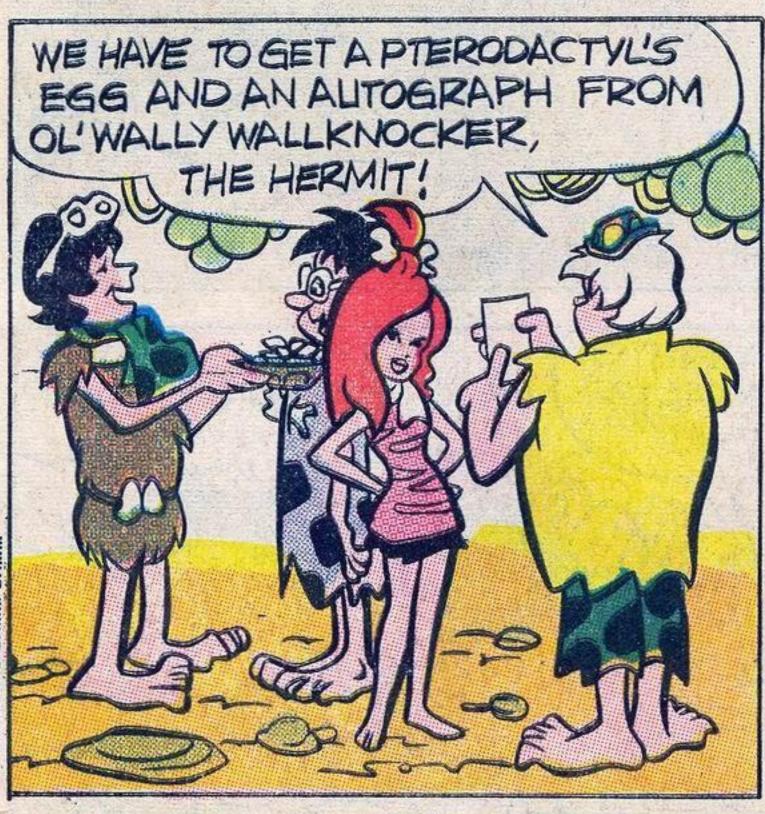
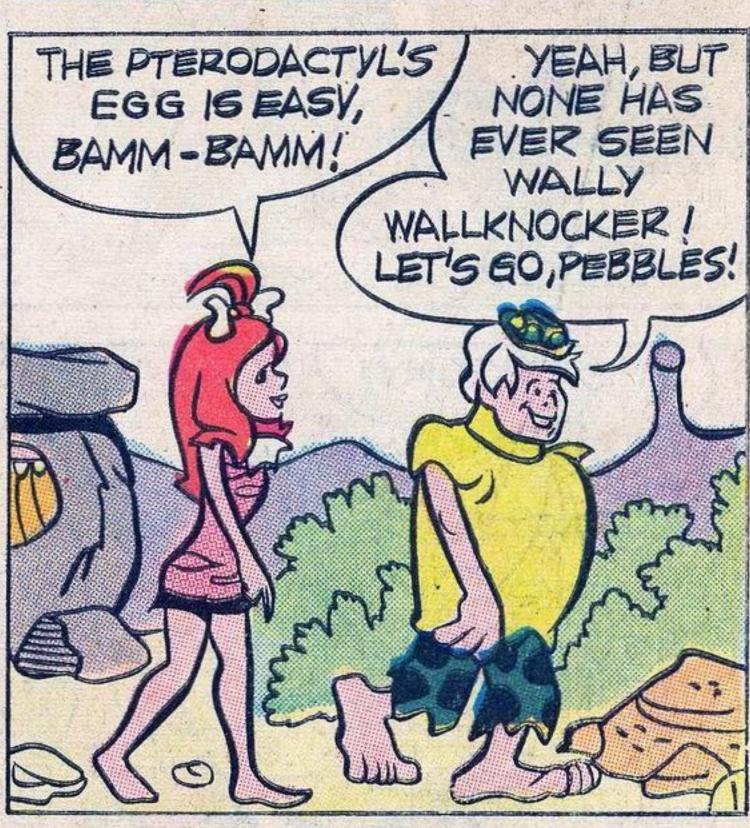


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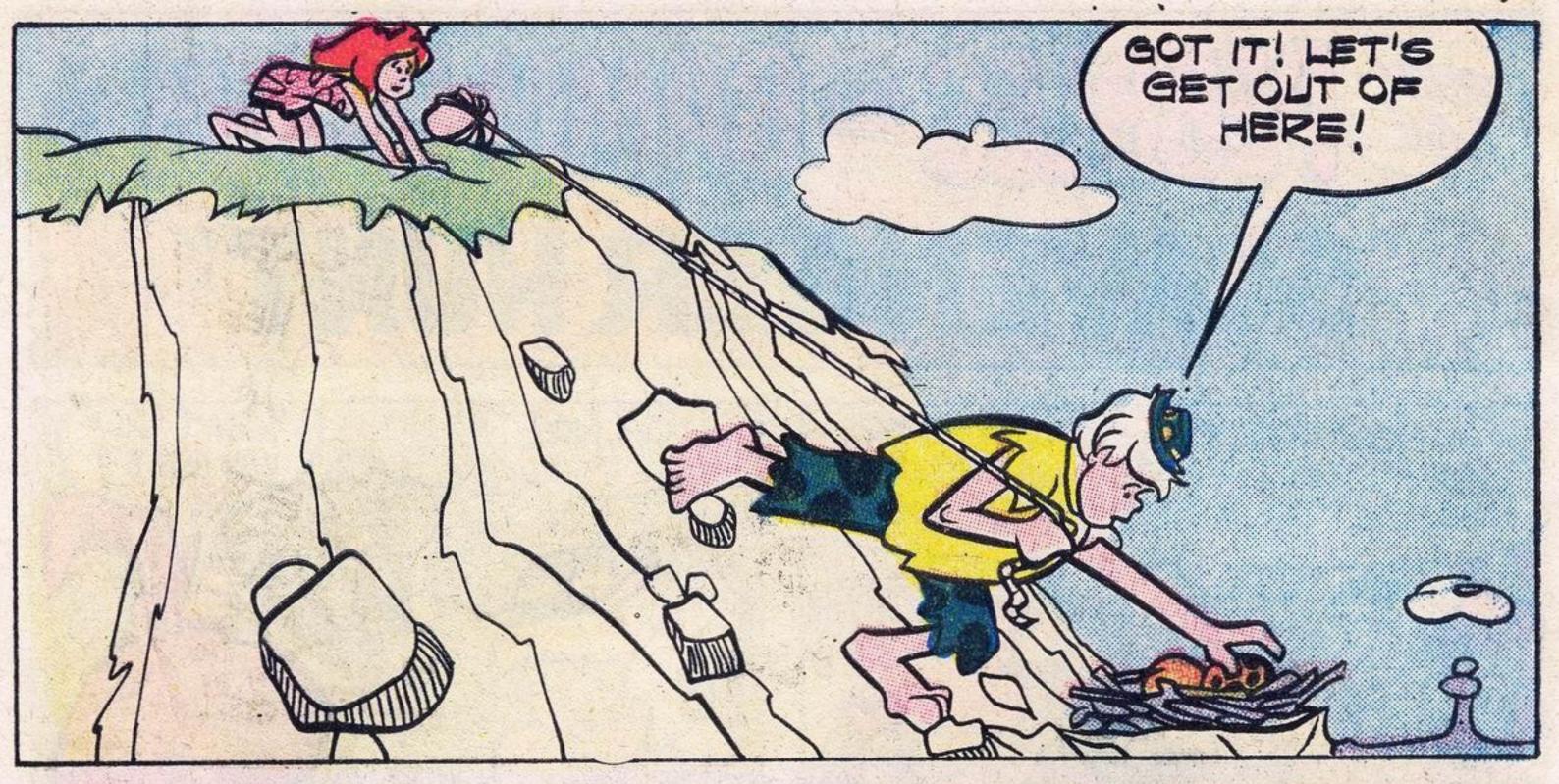


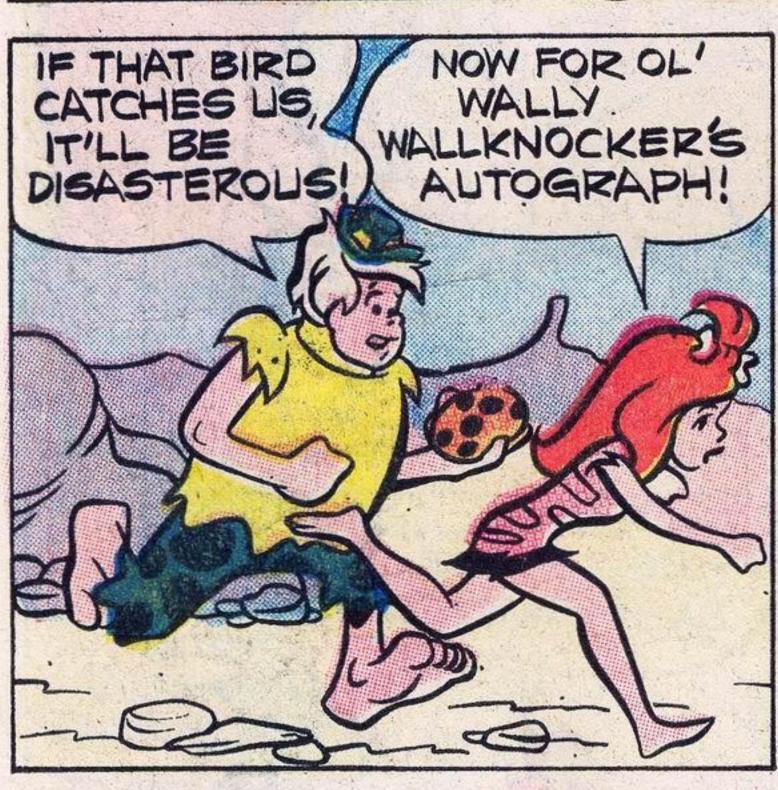




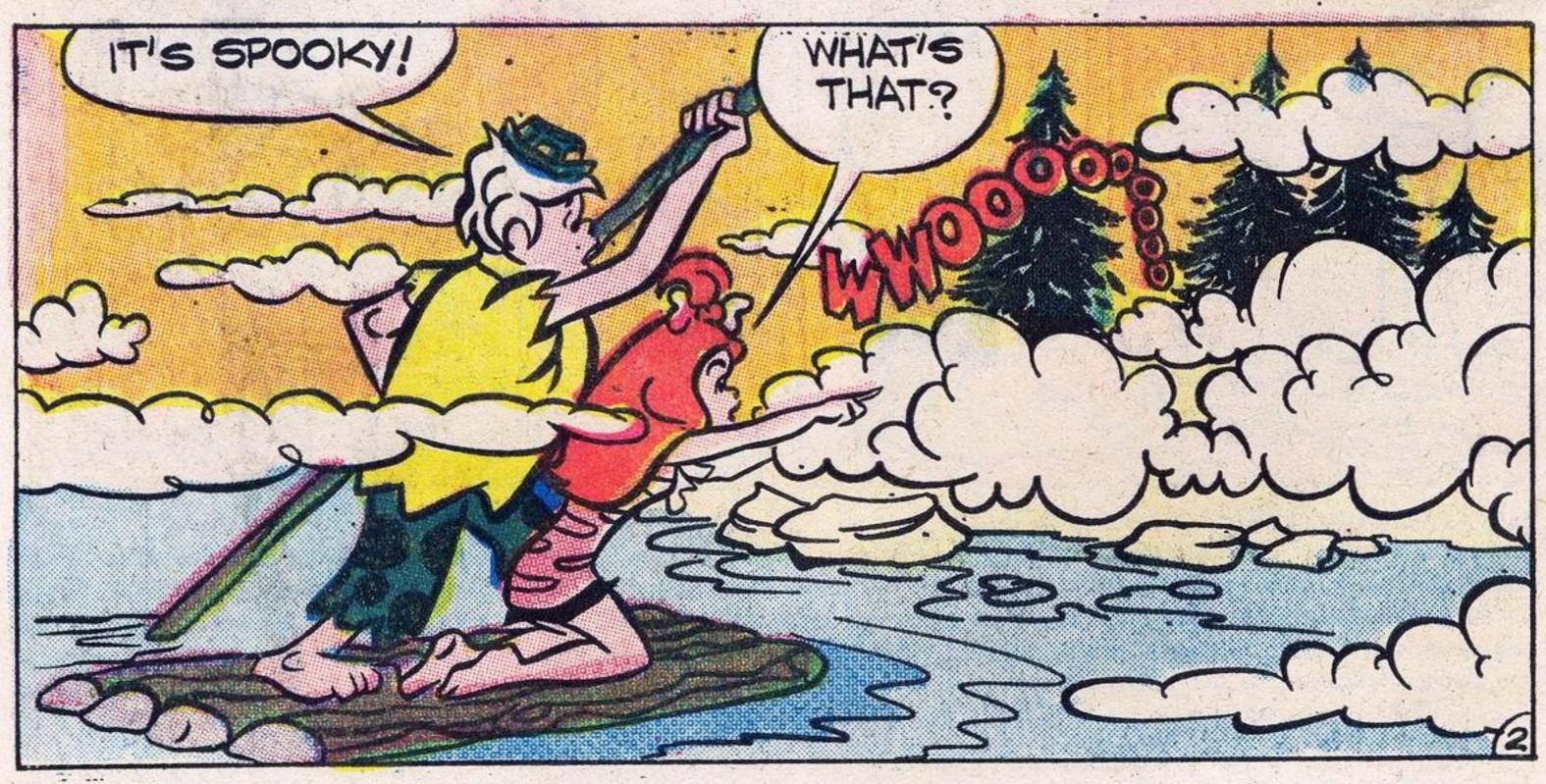
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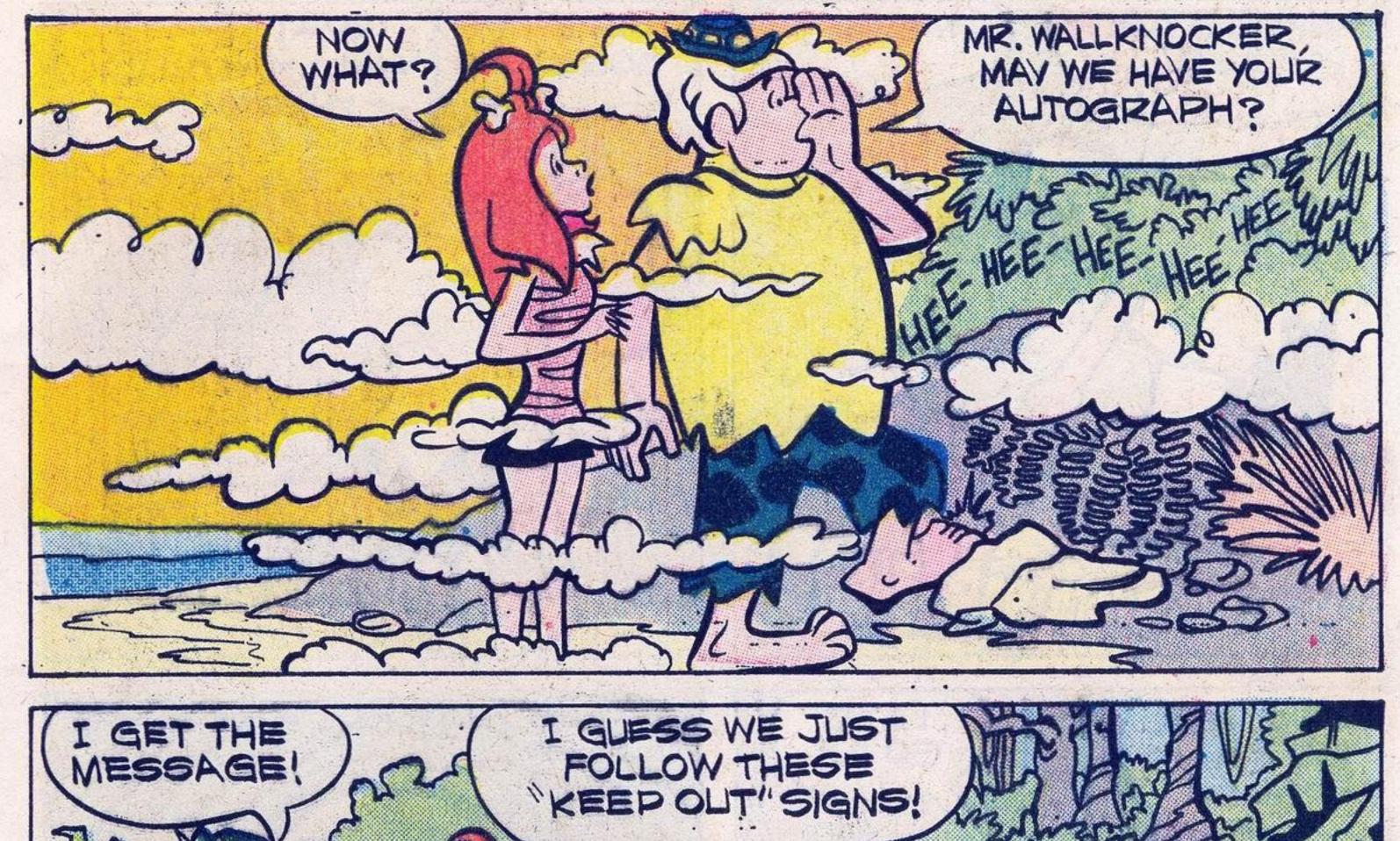
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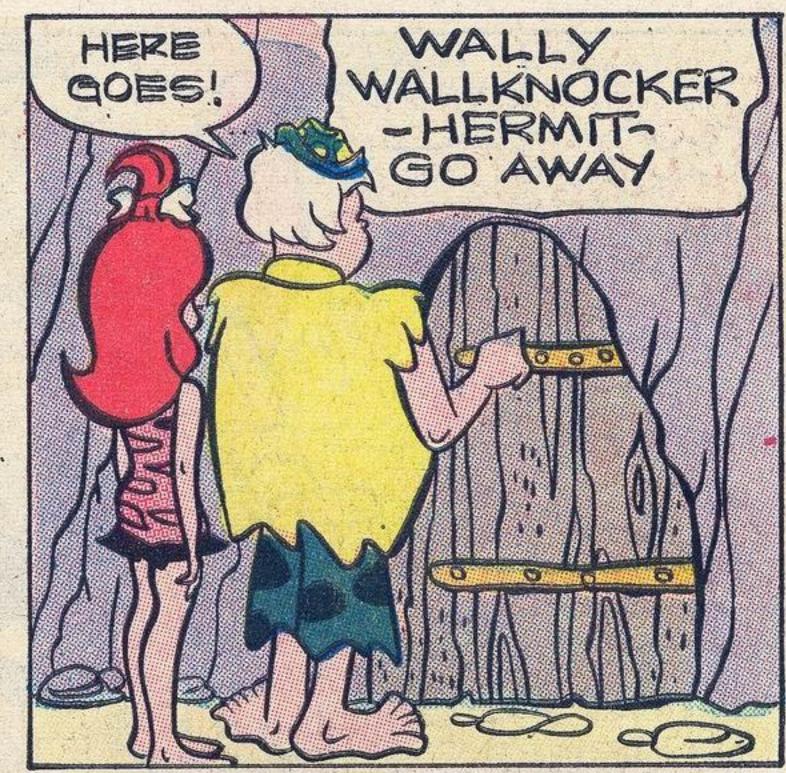














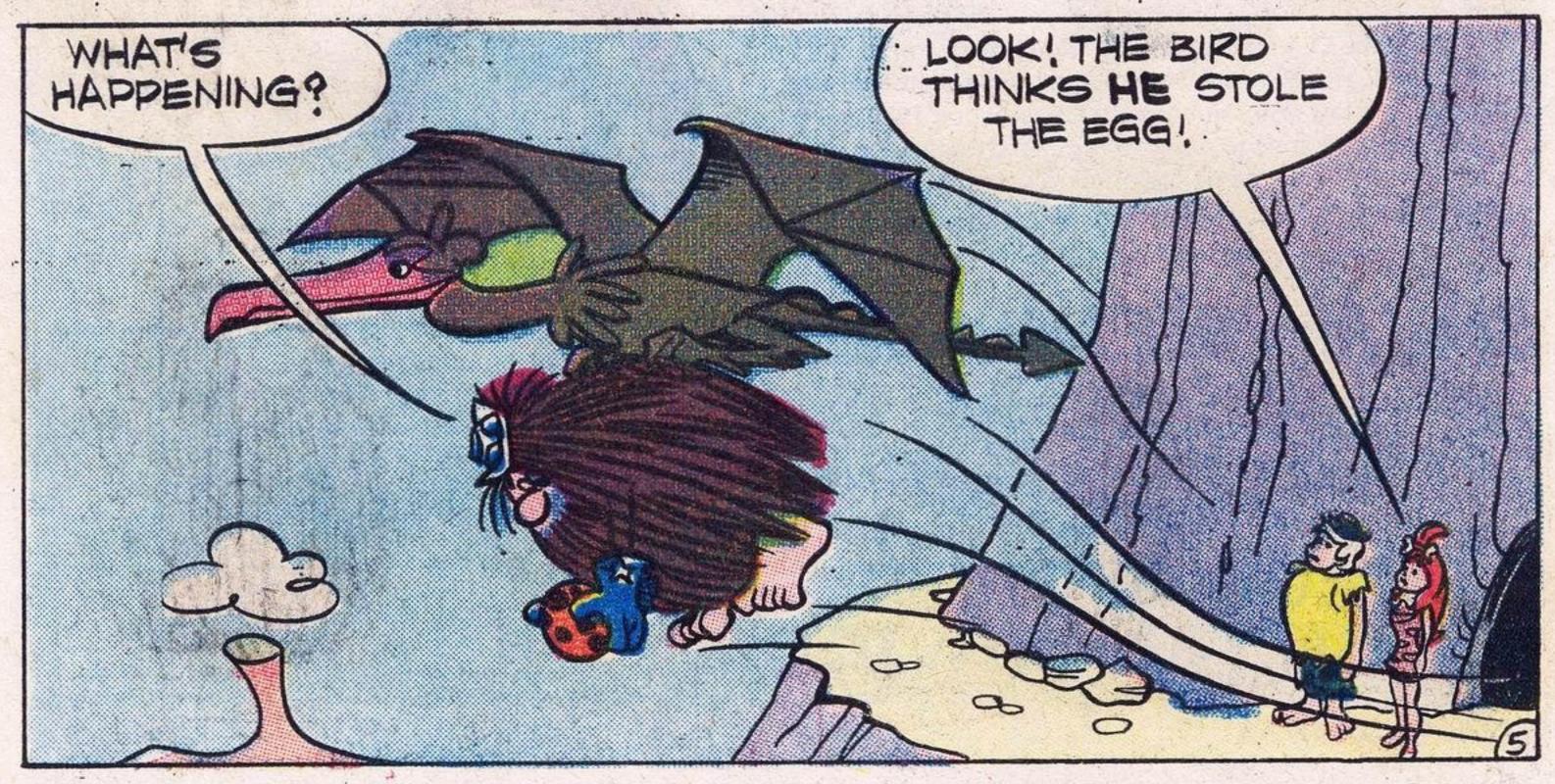


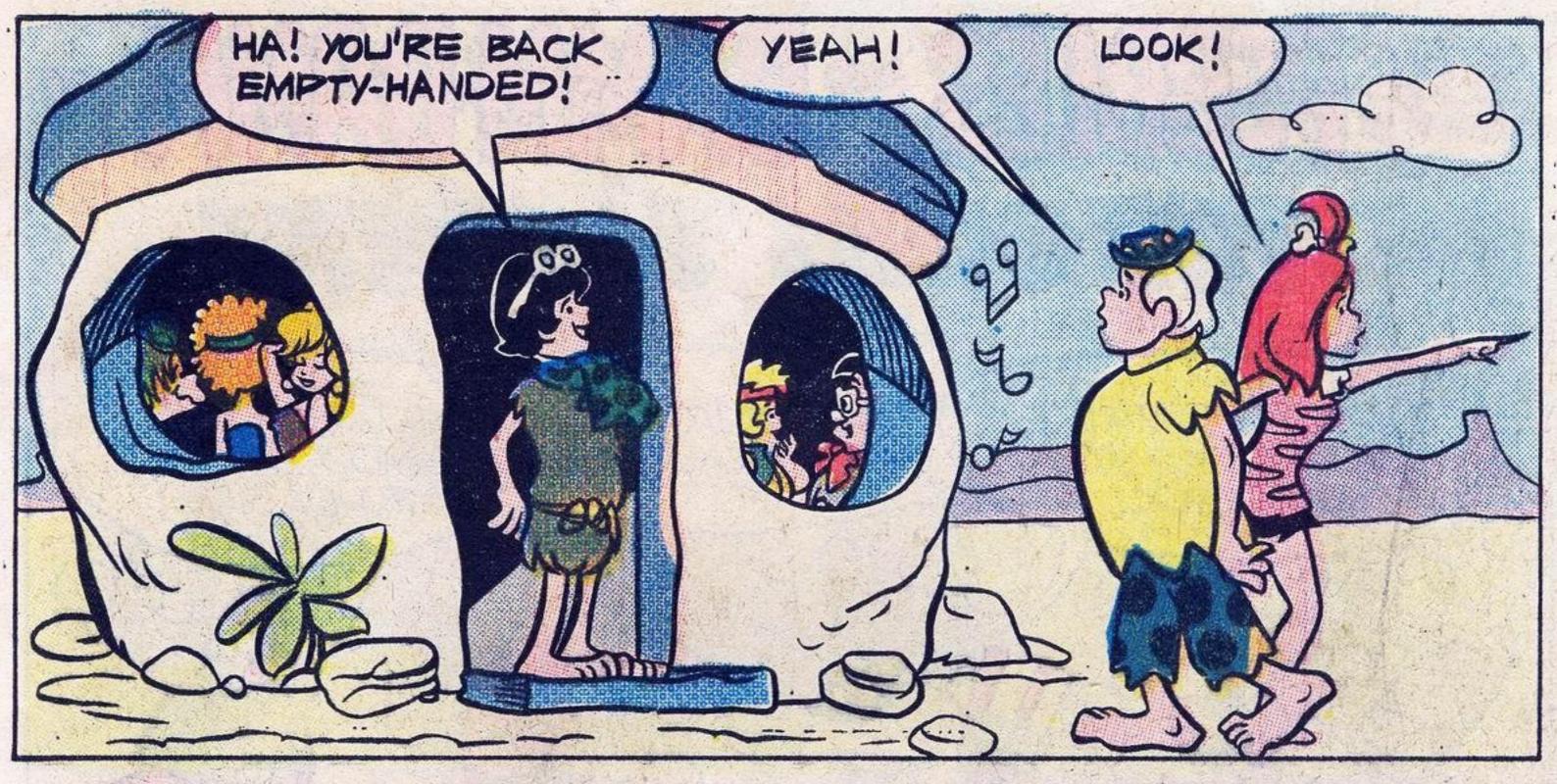








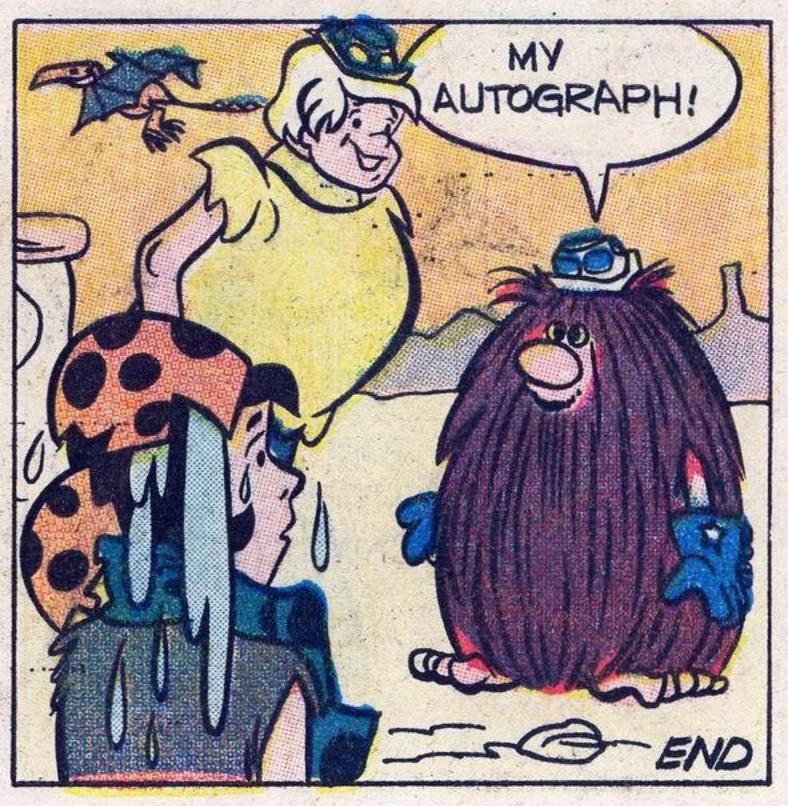






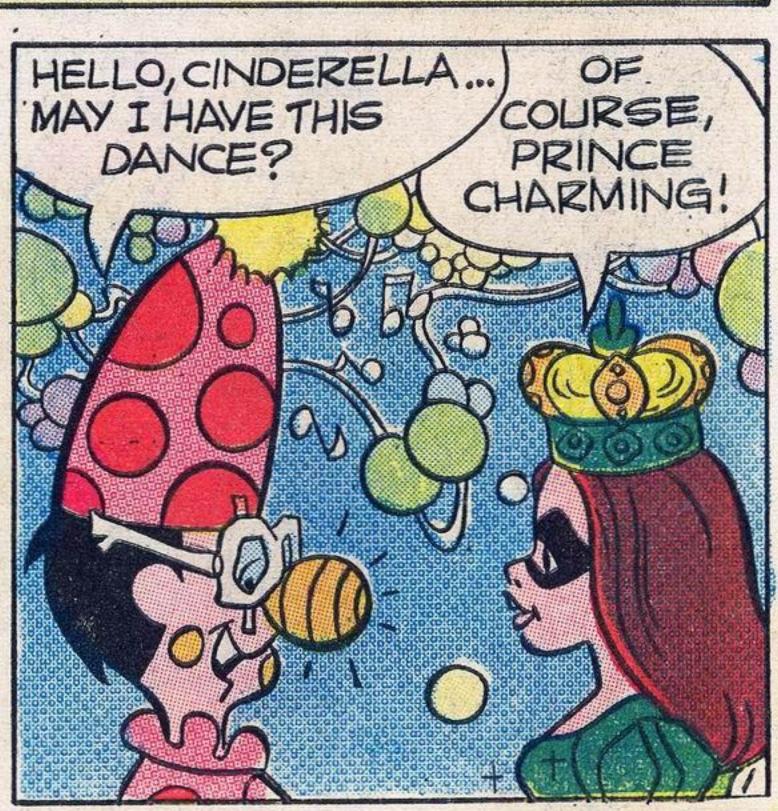


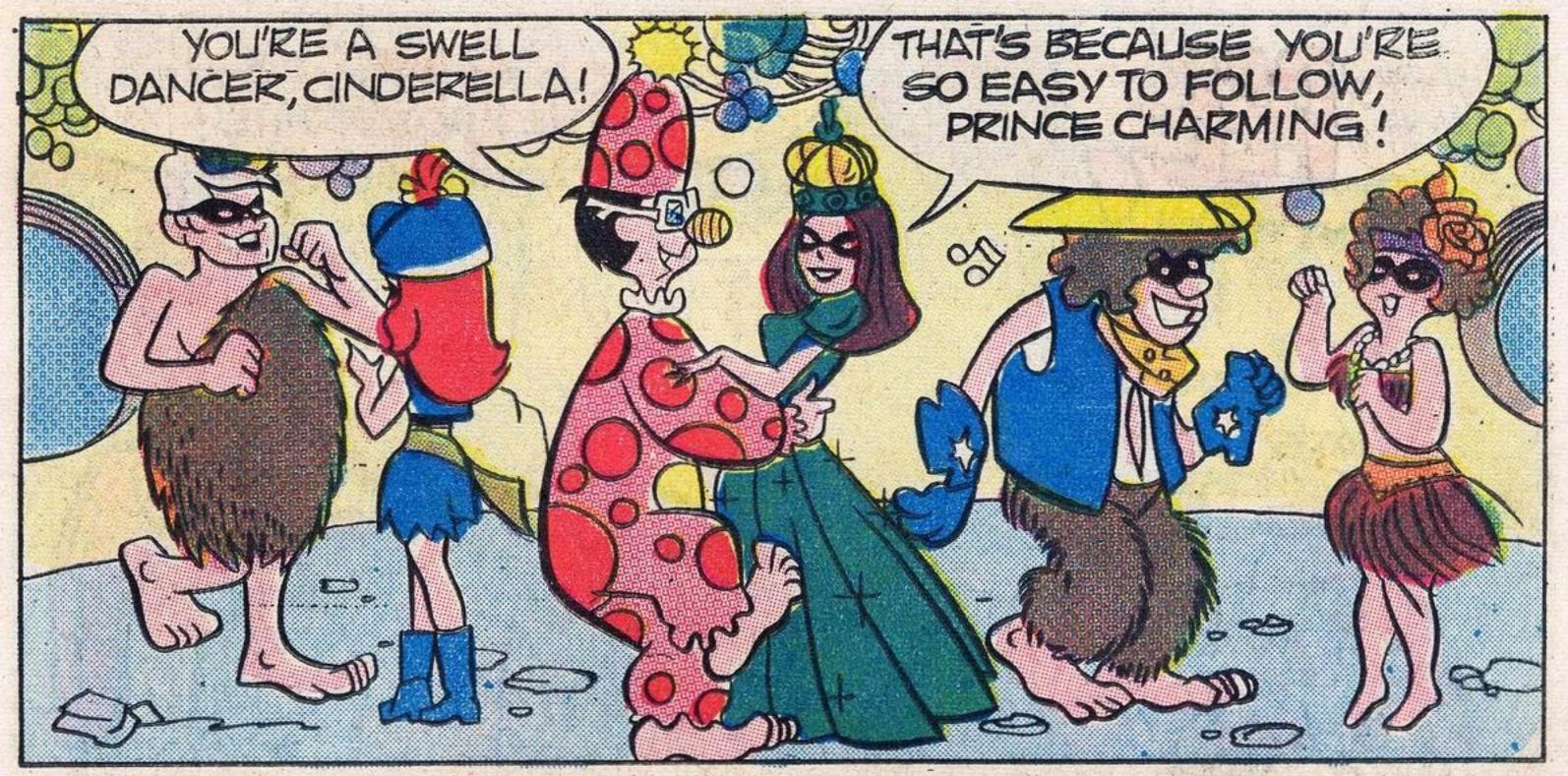






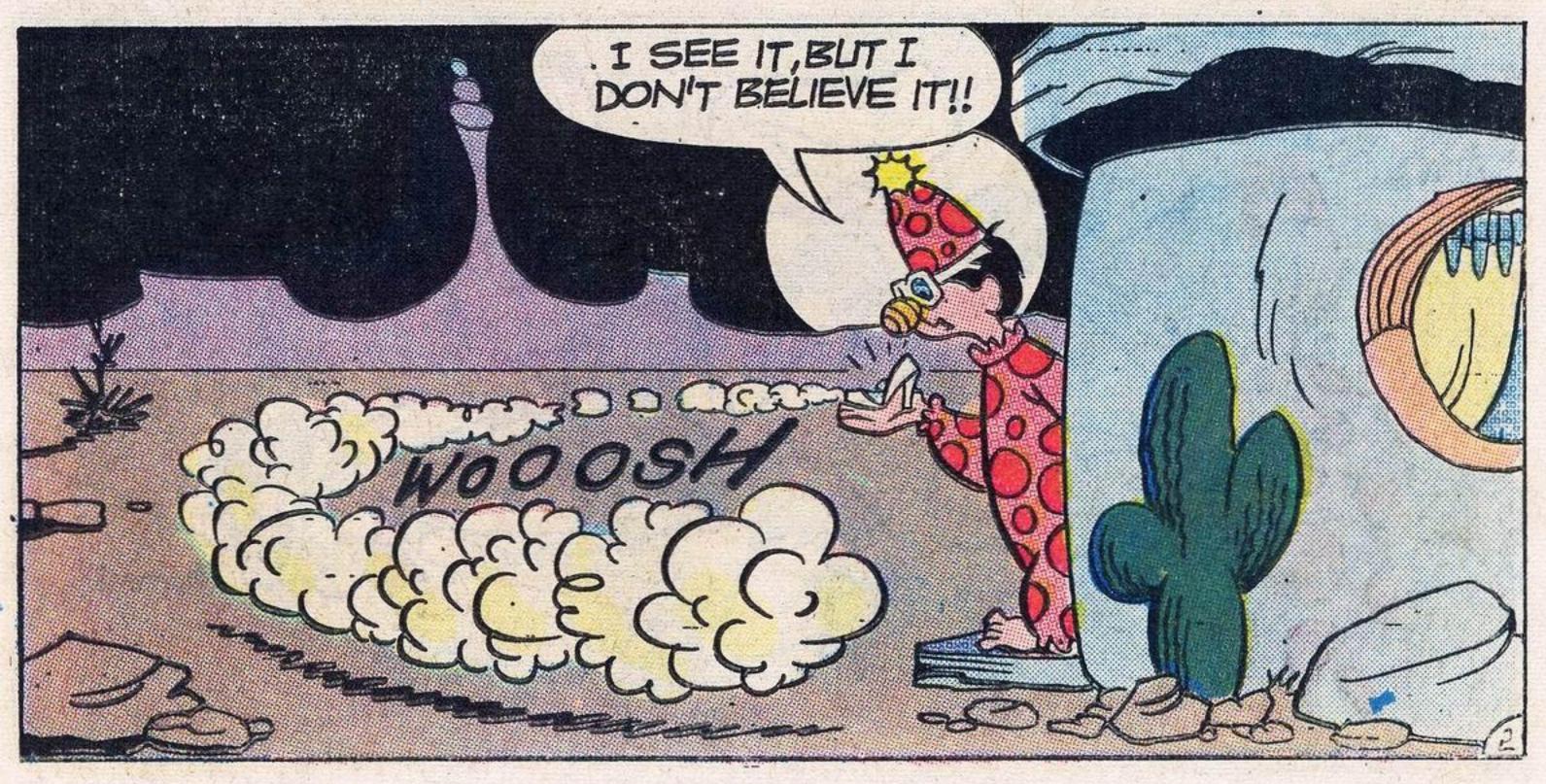


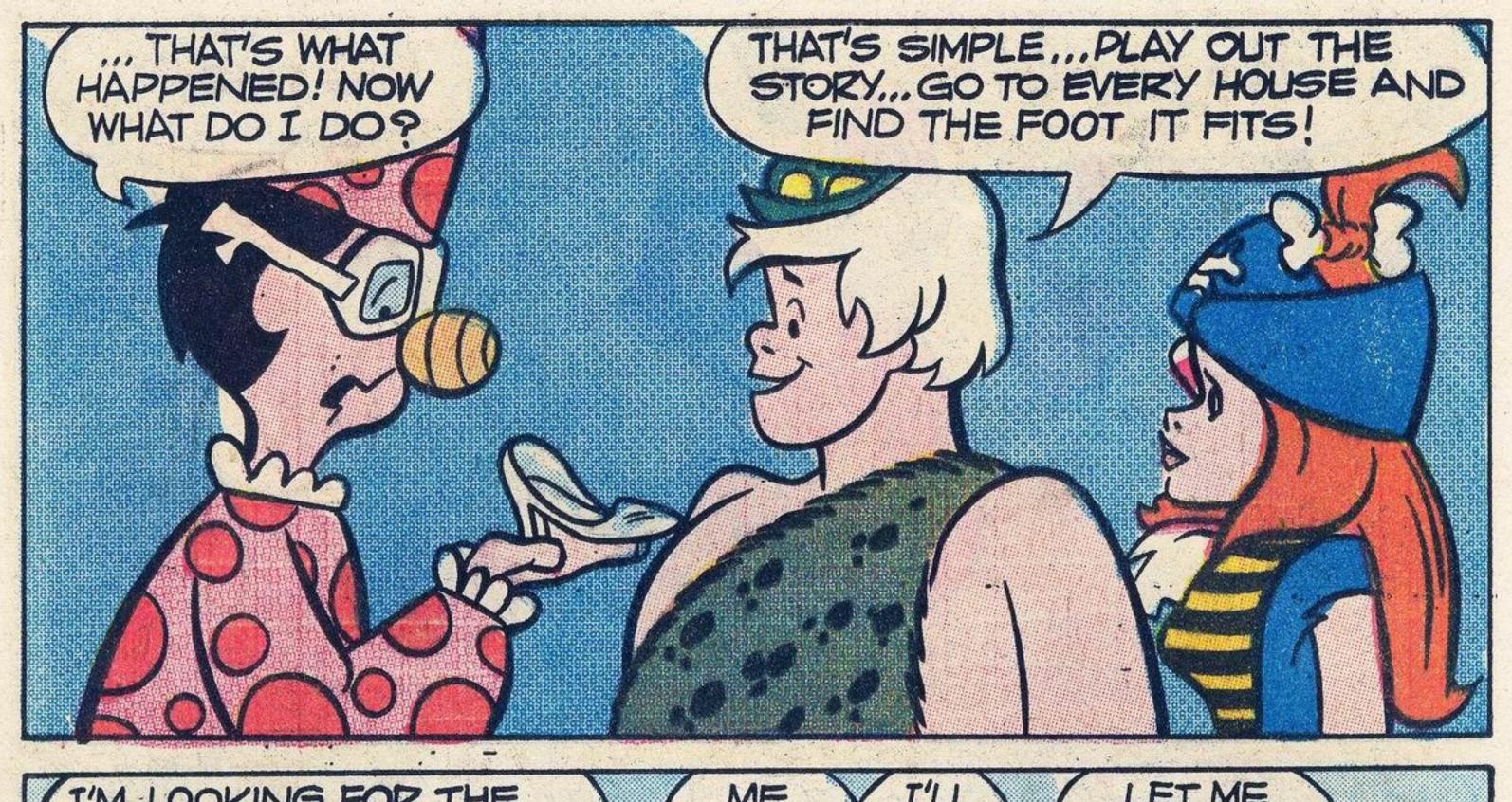


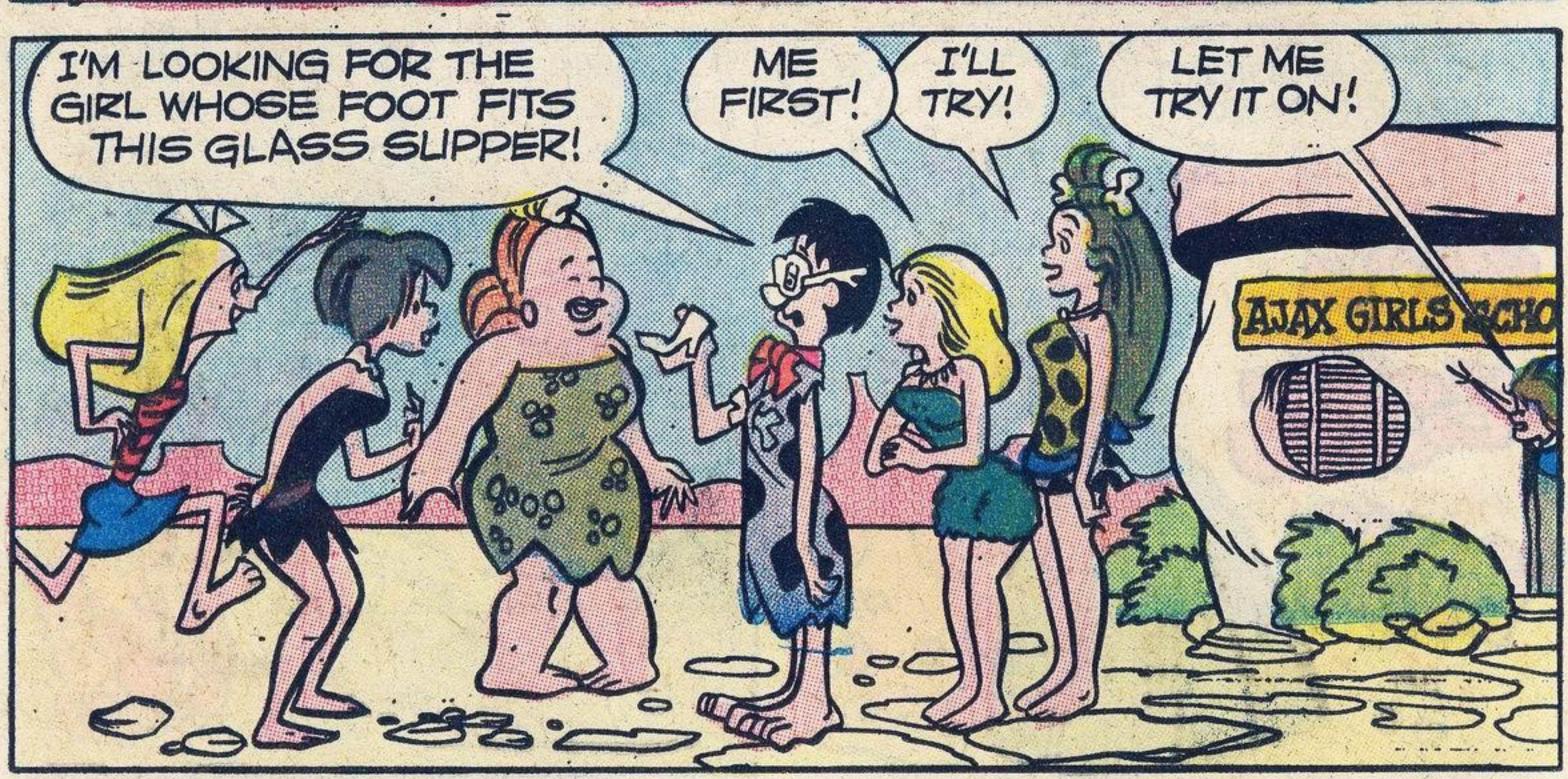


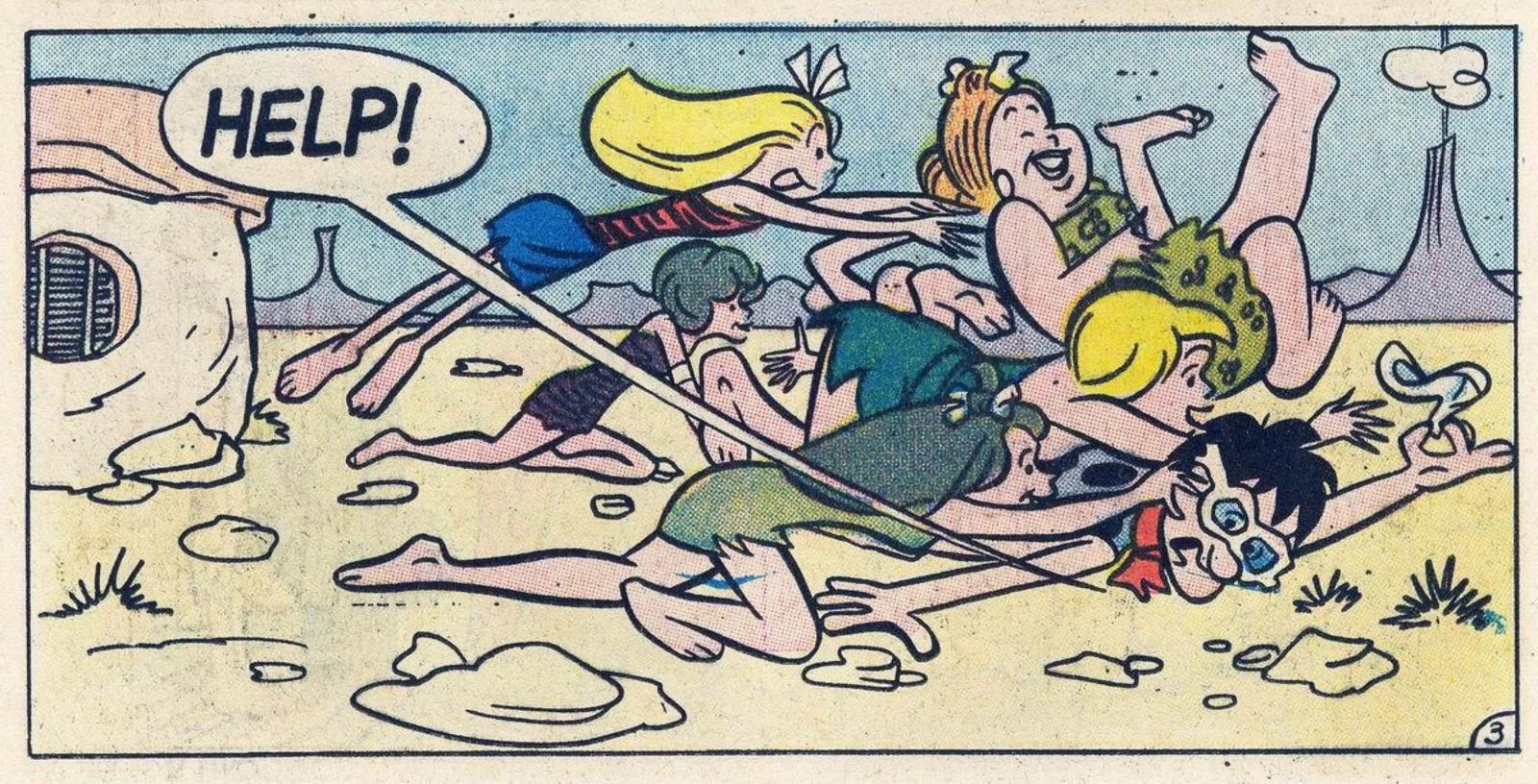


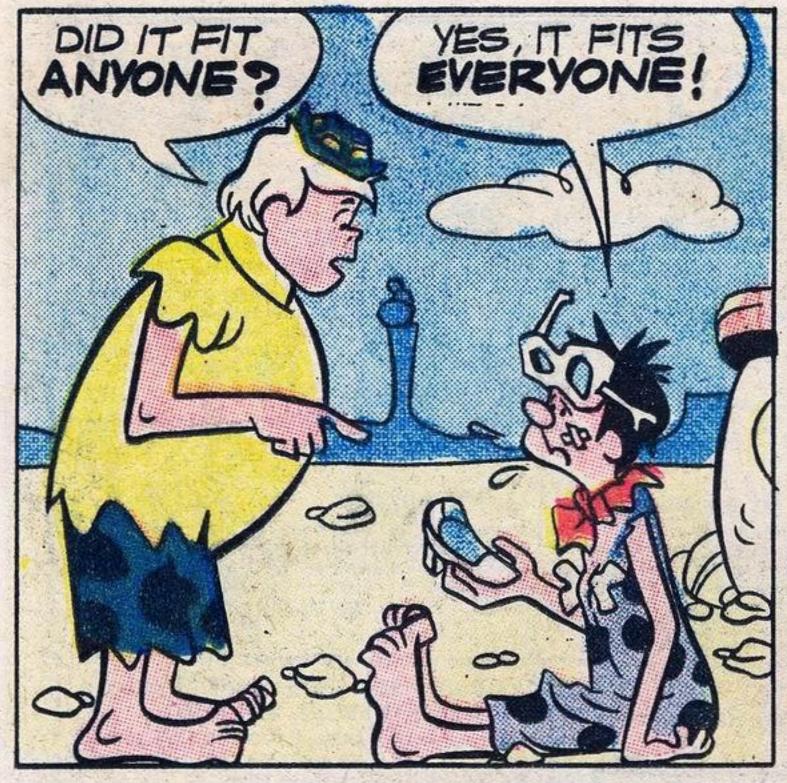




















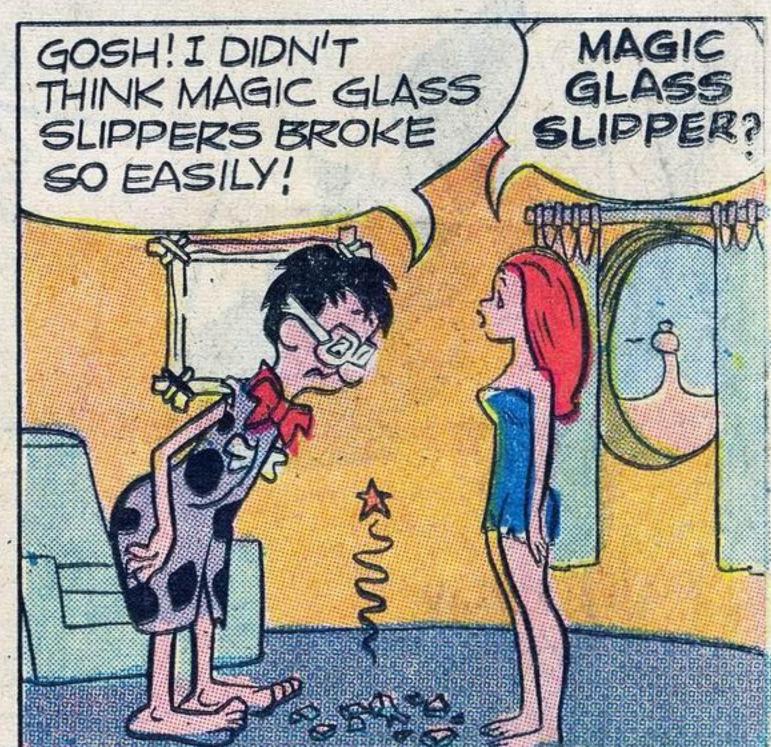


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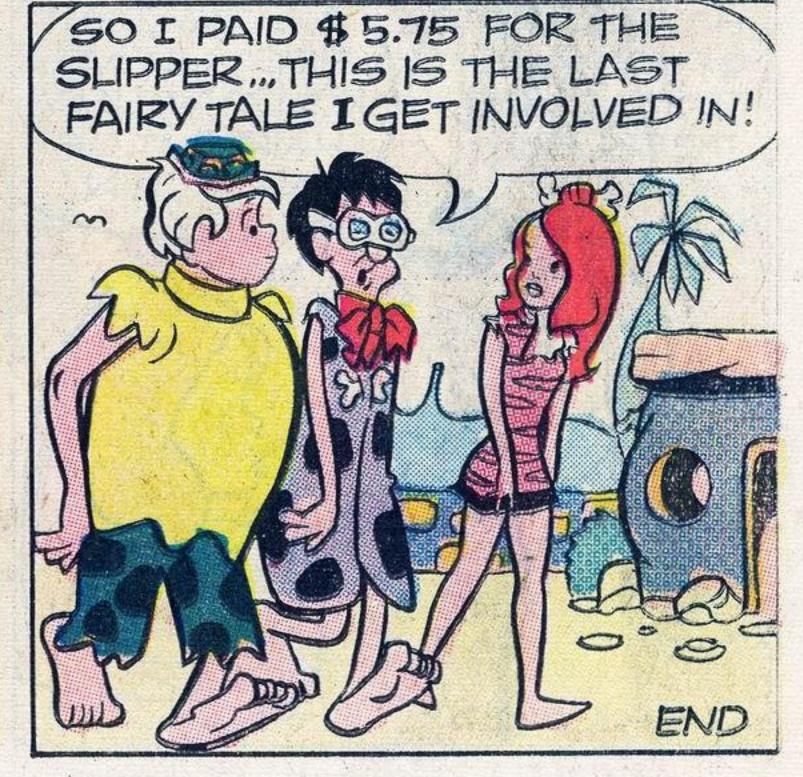




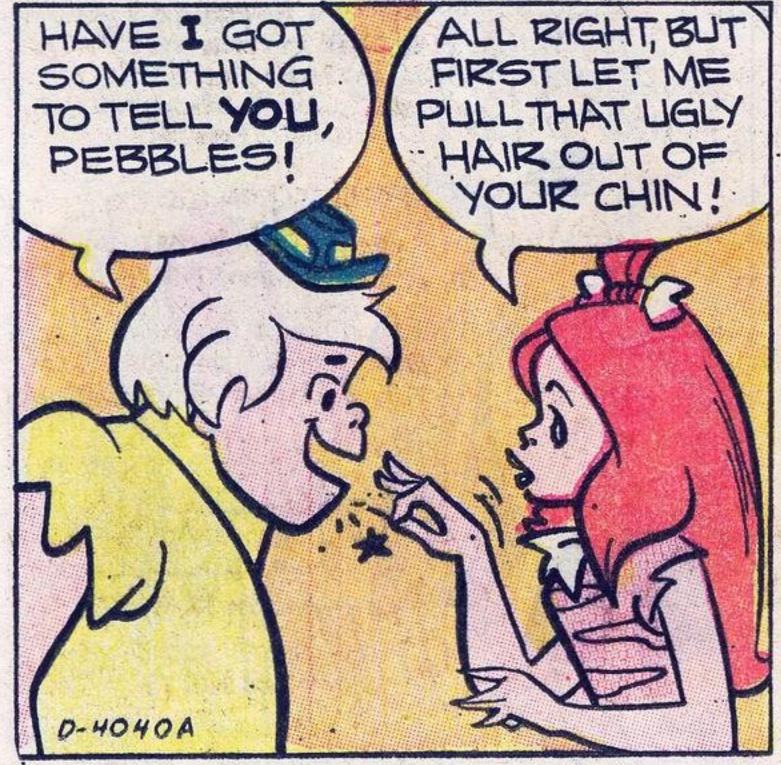


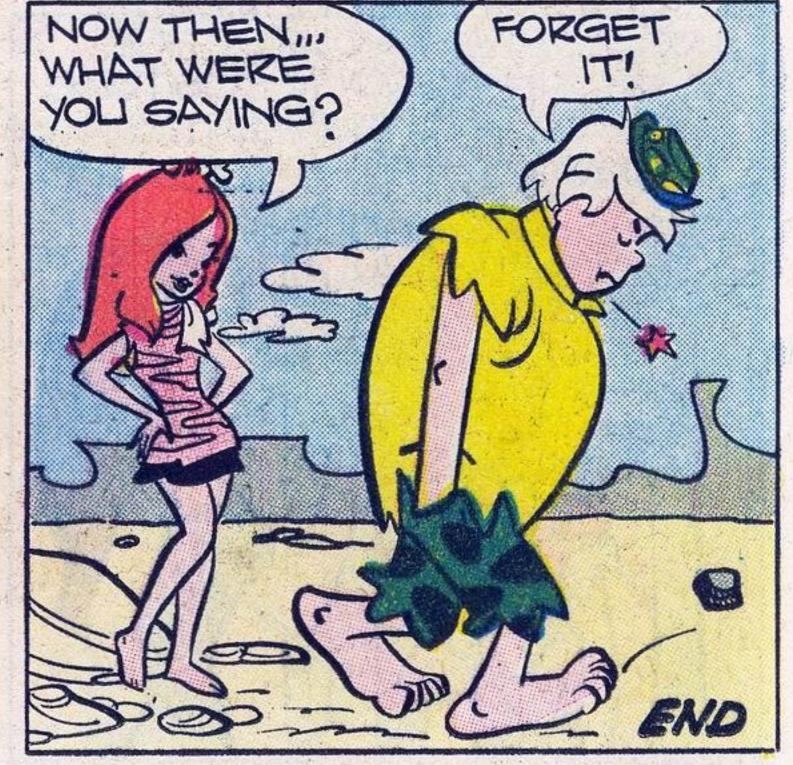




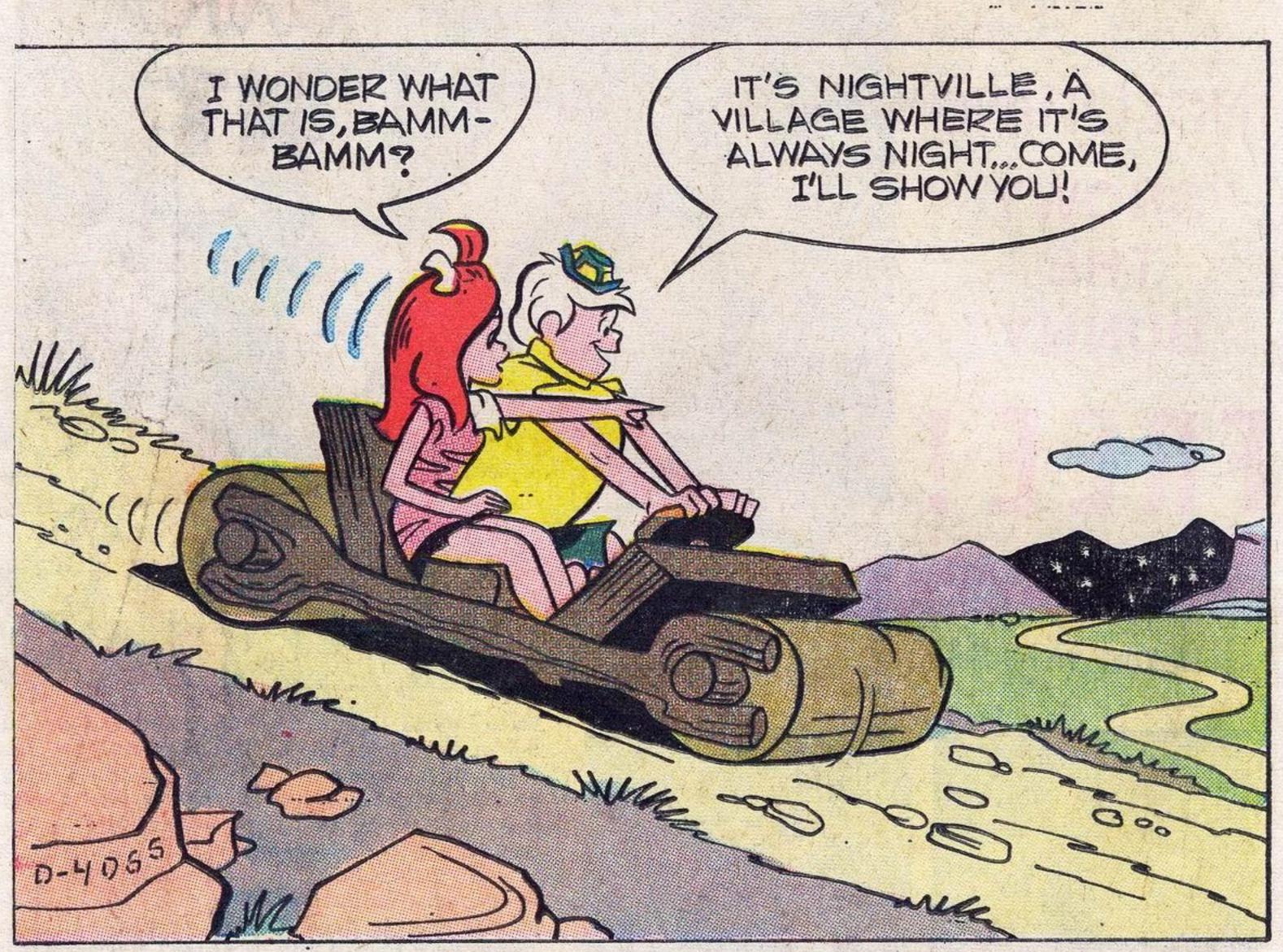


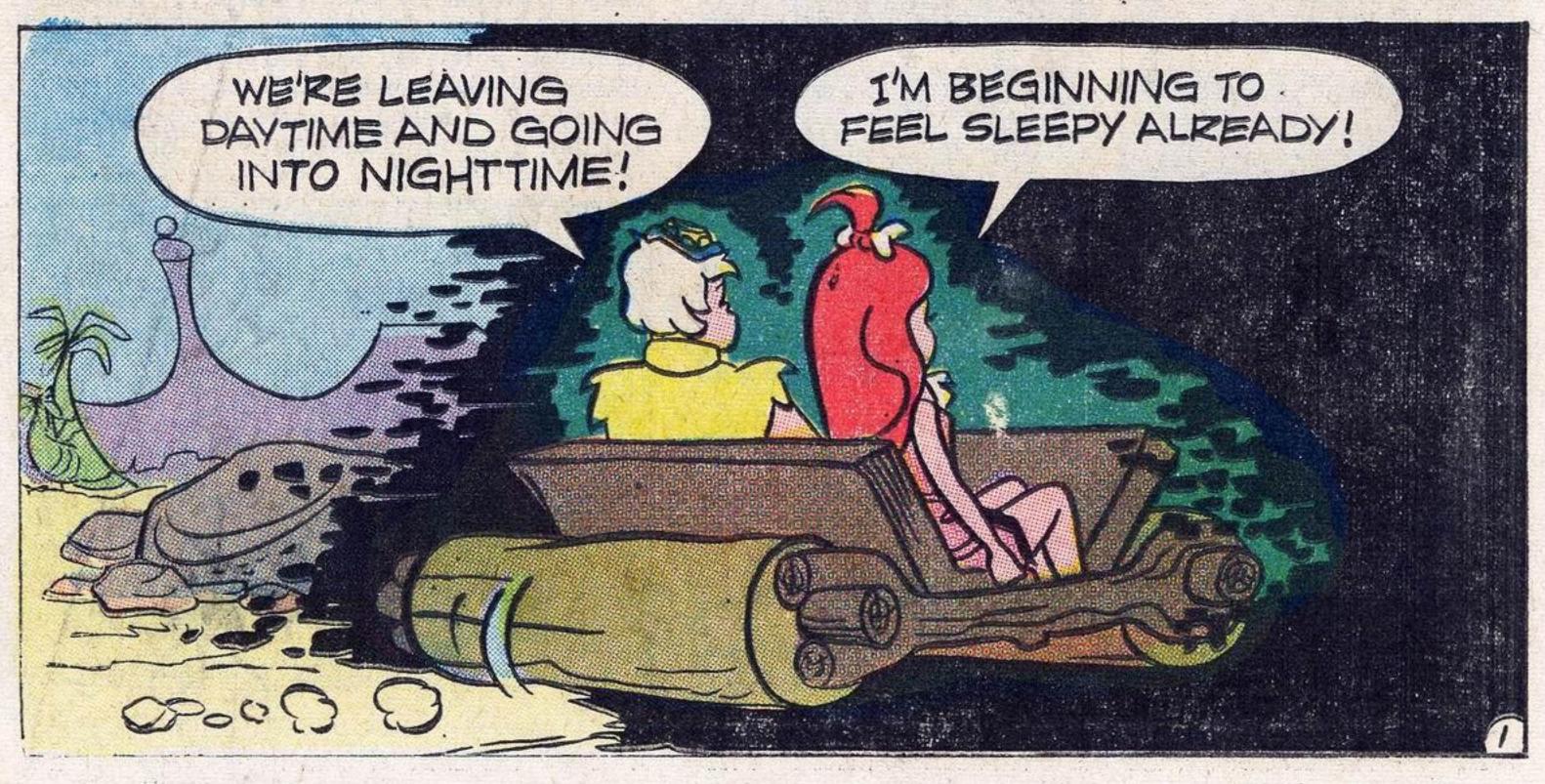




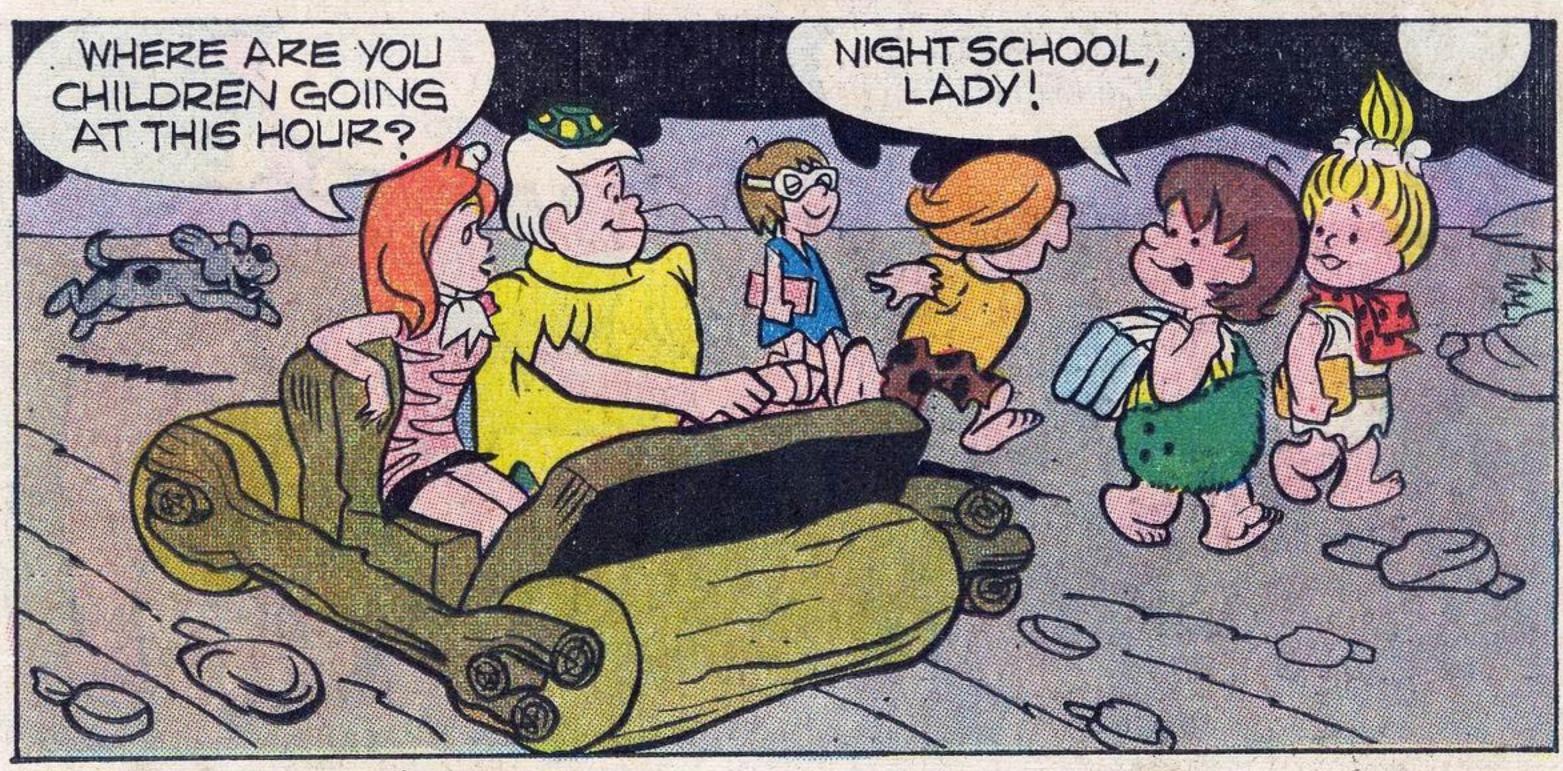








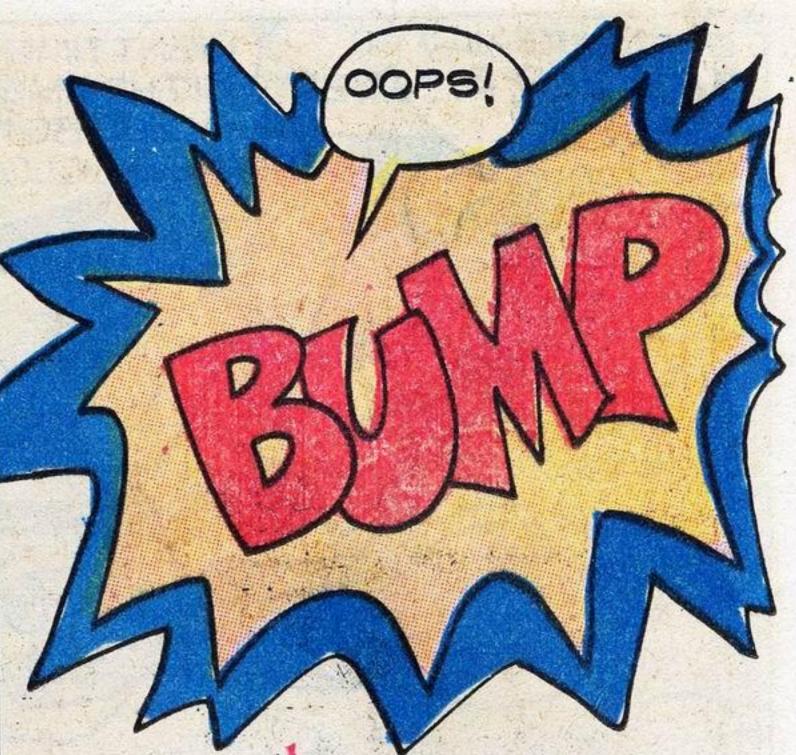




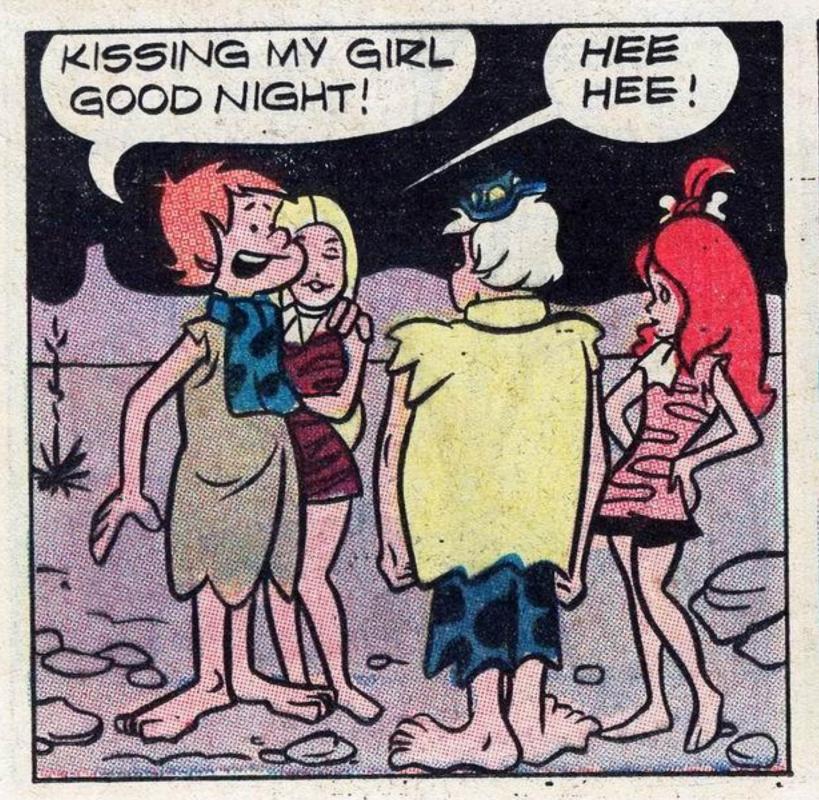








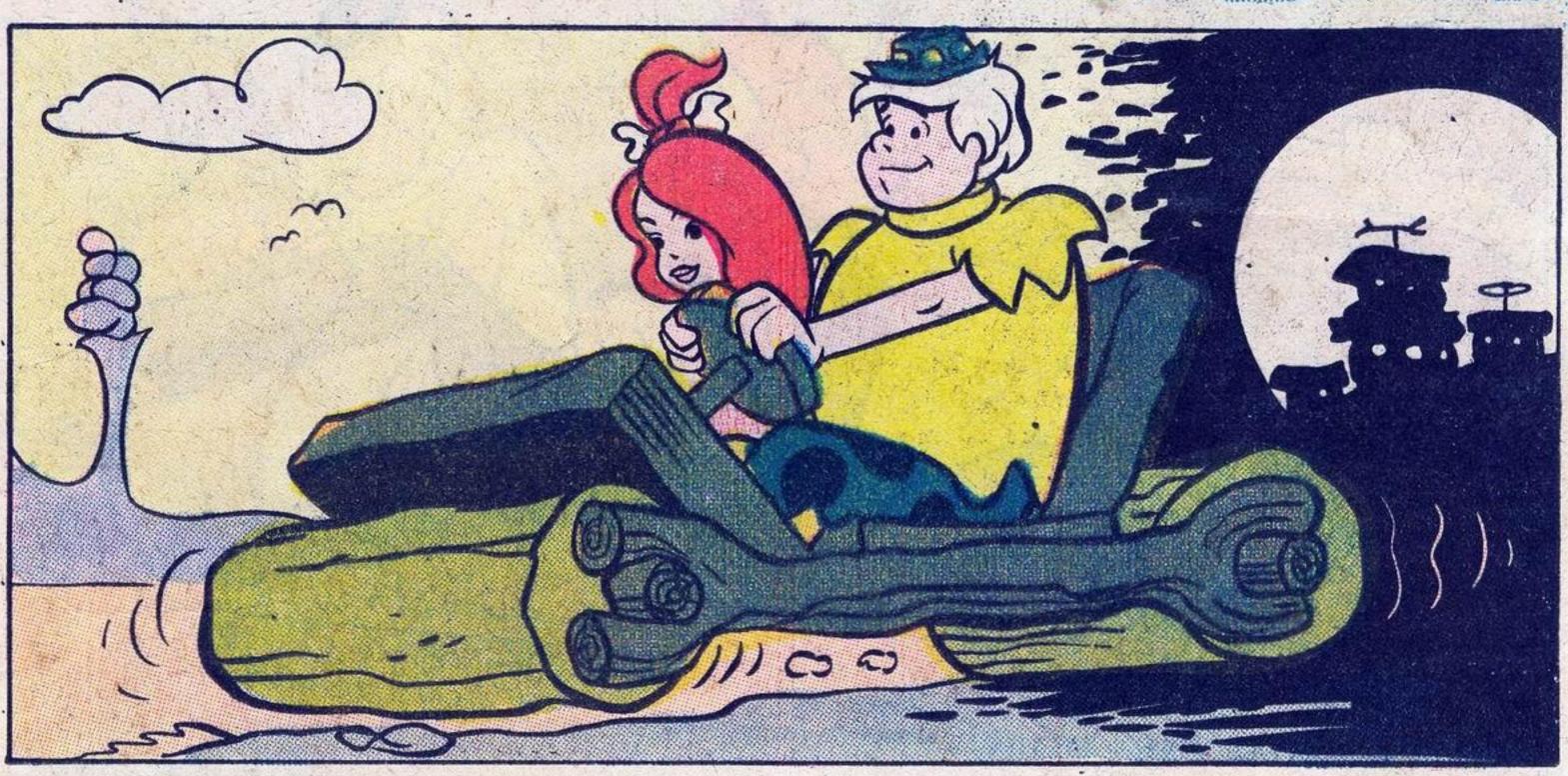




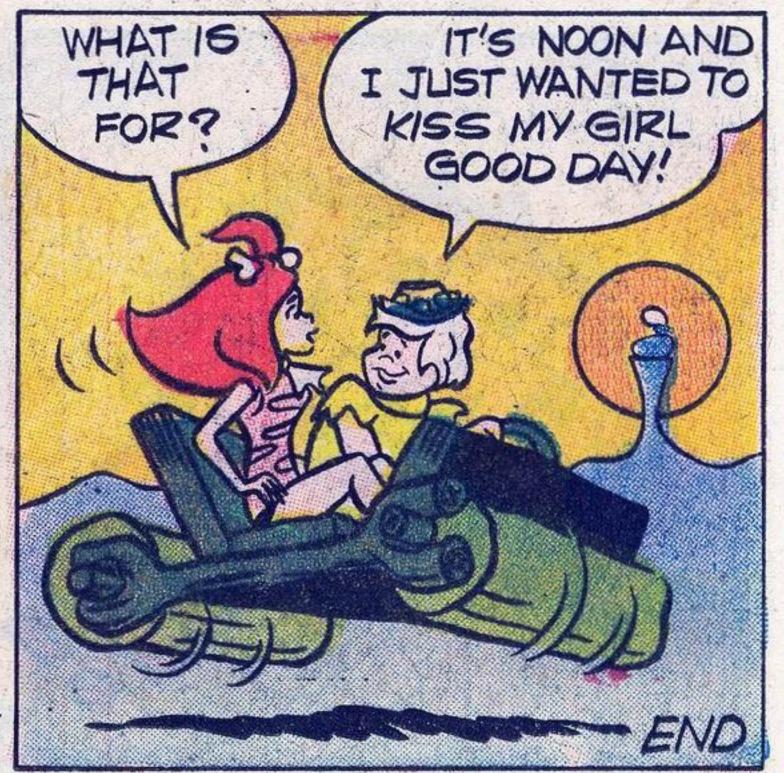


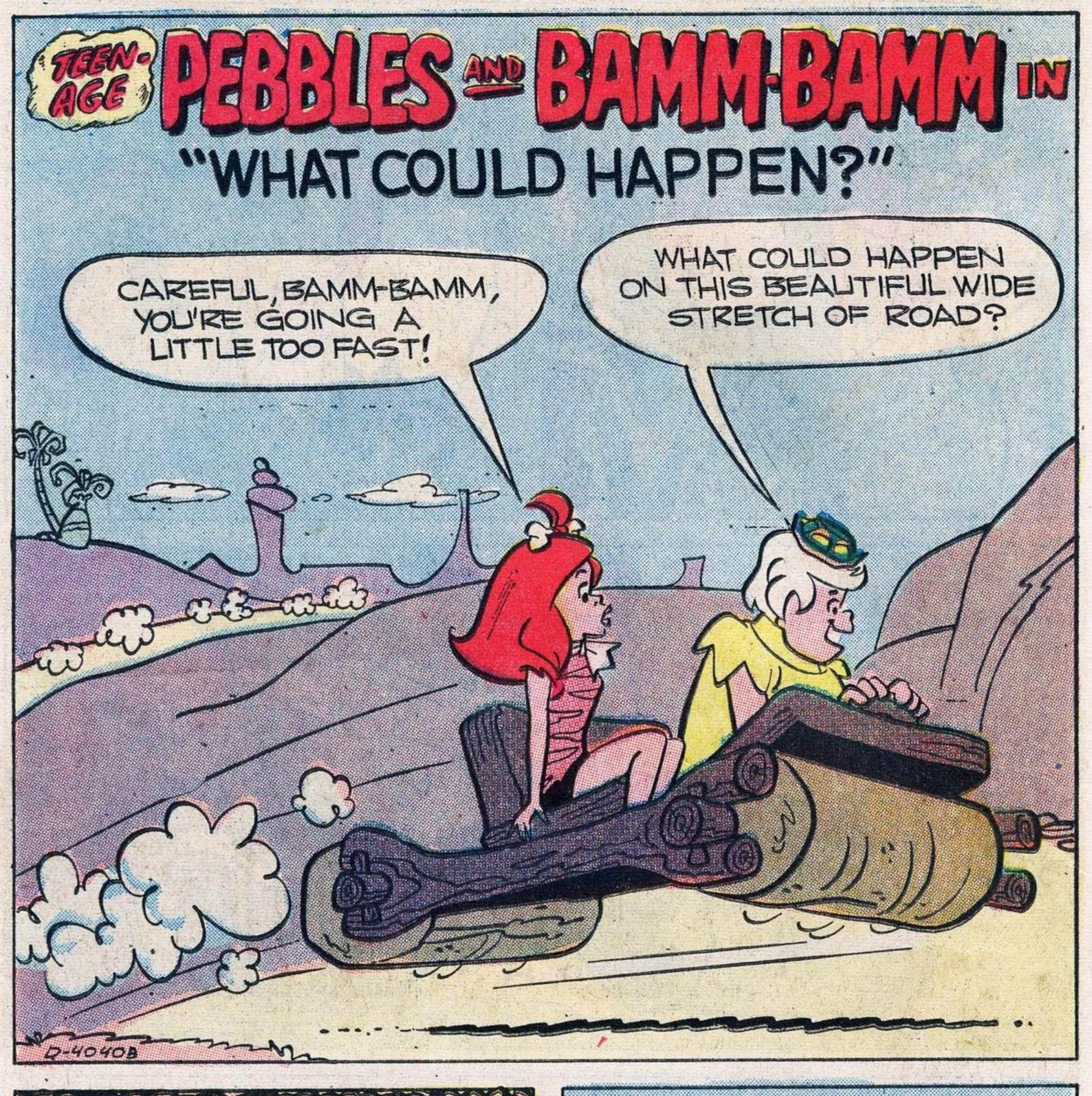










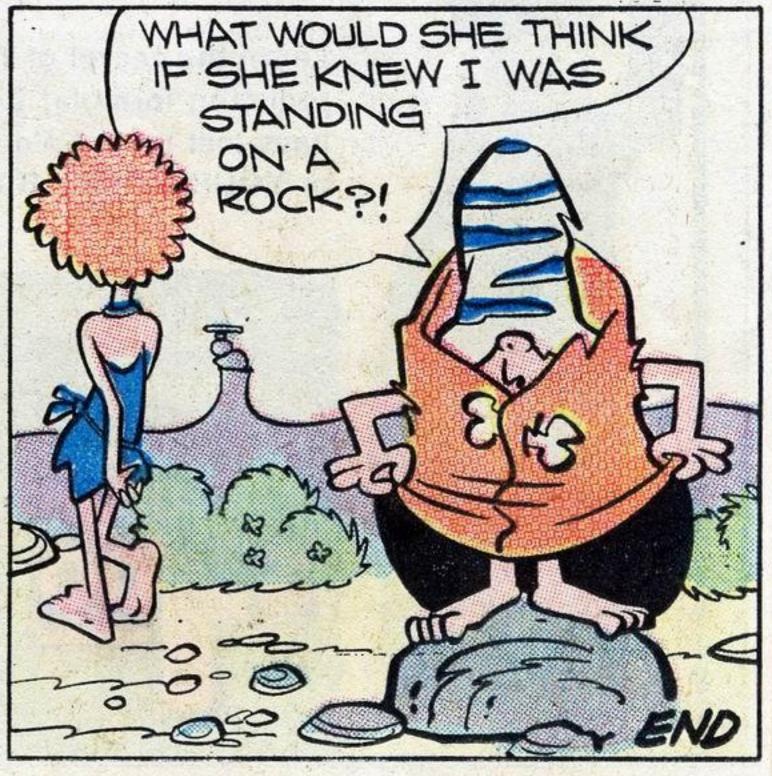














Polly the Pigeon was the first to arrive at the Friday morning monthly meeting of the Inhabitants of Echo Lake and its vicinity. When they had all gathered there, she mounted the Big Rock and began the meeting:

"We are all here to greet a visitor. Kroko the

Crocodile is here to pay us a short visit."

"Wait a minute," remarked Chippy the Chipmunk." When you pay somebody for something you do it with money. How can he pay us a with a visit? That would be a wonderful idea even for the humans. To buy things in a store and pay for it with a visit."

Pigeon. "You know just what I mean. We have a guest with us. Who wants to learn just how we all manage to be so friendly. Even when we have disagreements."

"In the very warm weather insects get on my back and ennoy me. The birds then fly onto my back. Eat up all the insects and I feel much more comfortable."

"What do you do when the birds are busy and can't help you?" asked Buzzie the Bee. "Because I have an idea. You will notice a lot of cans on the ground. Left there by people who should be ashamed of themselves. We call them Litter Bugs. On one of those cans is a label. It reads: "Insect Repellant." You could take home a dozen of those cans. Spray them on yourself and the insects would then leave you alone."

"Not a bad idea at all," complimented the crocodile. "Only trouble is that I can't spray myself. If you can get one of your friends to go home with me and spray me, then definitely I would buy a lot of those cans."

"I wonder if we are distant relatives," said Froggy the Frog. "If I could grow as big as you do, I would be the big boss down here. Maybe I should watch my diet more carefully."

"That can be arranged right now," said Willie the Worm. "I will put a diet on the Big Rock. You just watch it. Don't eat it. All you have to do is to look at it.".

"If I did that then I would get very hungry," admitted Froggy the Frog. "And I would probably get twice as large as I am now. And coming to think of it, I want to be small. When I am small I can hide under a

big rock. But if I am big, I can't hide under a small rock.
So being small has its advantages at that."

Tille the Trout stuck her head out of the water and greeted their guest.

"If Kroko the Crocodile wants to take a swim in this lake, let me show him around."

"Many thanks for the invitation," was the reply.
"But I only like it where it is muddy. If the water is clear then I can be seen. But if it is muddy, then you can't see me at all."

"I don't get it," said Squaro the Squirrel. "I can tell the difference any day between a crocodile and mud. You step into mud. You can't step into a crocodile. You step on a crocodile."

"Don't be too sure of that," laughed Polly the Pigeon. "If the crocodile has his mouth open, then definitely you can step into a crocodile."

"I think we should all try to write some short poems for our guest. So that when he goes back home he can tell them to his friends," said Chippy the Chipmunk. And let me be the first to make my contribution to the land of poetry."

"Objection, objection," shouted Willie the Worm. "I studied a lot of geography. There is no such place as the land of poetry. I can tell you the names of all the continents and islands. But no such land exists."

"So it doesn't exist," conceded Chippy the Chipmunk. "Here is what I wanted to say: O Crocodile, O Crocodile, we wish you could stay awhile, before you go back to the Nile."

"Now for my contribution," said Square the Squirrel. "Here it is: A crocodile, from the Nile, came to see us here. Now we all grieve, that he must leave, but we will all cheer."

"I thank you all from the bottomm of my heart," said Kroko the Crocodile. "You are all so friendly. I must now leave you here. And I will say it in a poem. Alas I must go away, this is a nice place to stay, but I must leave today."

"Meeting is adjourned," said Polly the Pigeon.
"And next time we are going to entertain another

visitor."

